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SUBJECT: RIO TREATY COMMITMENTS

REF: MEXICO'S 2521.

1. THE EMPHASIS IN THESCOPE PAPER ON OUR COMMITMENTS UNDER THE RIO TREATY TO THE SECURITY OF OUR CENTRAL AMERICAN NEIGHBORS IN NO WAY WAS MEANT TO IMPLY THAT OUR COMMITMENTS UNDER THE SAME TREATY TO THE REST OF THE SIGNATORIES WERE ANY LESS BINDING. WE HAD OBSERVED EVEN BEFORE THE TRIP THAT THERE WAS APPREHENSION AMONG THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES REGARDING THE IMPLICATIONS OF CASTRO'S ADVENTURE IN ANGOLA FOR THE FUTURE SECURITY OF THE CARIBBEAN AND THE LITTORAL. COSTA RICA WAS AN APPROPRIATE PLACE TO EMPHASIZE THE RIO TREATY AS IT WAS THERE THAT THE TREATY ITSELF WAS REVISED AND REAFFIRMED LAST YEAR. FOR THIS REASON, THE SECRETARY USED THE OCCASION OF HIS TOAST IN SAN JOSE TO EMPHASIZE OUR COMMITMENT UNDER THE RIO TREATY TO COLLECTIVE

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SECURITY IN THE HEMISPHERE.

2. THE SECRETARY'S SPEECHES AND OTHER COMMENTS DURING HIS TRIP SHOULD BE READ AS A WHOLE. THE ATTEMPT WAS TO STRESS DIFFERENT THEMES IN EACH STOP, DEPENDING UPON THE LOCAL CONTEXT BUT TO RELATE THESE THEMES TO A LARGER POLICY APPROACH. THE LATTER WAS BEST SUMMED UP BY THE SECRETARY'S TOAST AT THE LUNCHEON IN COSTA RICA. KISSINGER

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